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## RAILROAD MEN ARE IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

### If Demands Are Not Granted at Once by the Companies.

New York.—Representatives of the four great railroad brotherhoods Tuesday presented to the railroad managers the result of the strike vote to enforce their demands for an eight-hour day and higher overtime pay.

Soon after the figures were presented the conference adjourned until Wednesday to allow the railroad managers to consider the result.

The engineers reported 98.15 per cent favored a strike and the firemen and engine men 98.04 per cent for a strike. The trainmen and conductors likewise voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

Out of a total of 129,108 trainmen, 124,832 favored a strike, with 1400 votes still to be heard from. The conductors, with 34,846 votes cast, voted 84.03 per cent in the western district, 84.08 per cent in eastern and 93.04 per cent in the southern district in favor of a strike. The managers objected to the inclusion in the figures of the votes of employees of the roads not represented in the conference, but they were informed by the union heads that the four brotherhoods were fighting for every railroad employe throughout the country as a matter of principle.

A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, notified the managers that the time for parleying was over, unless the roads were prepared to present a modified proposition Wednesday.

H. O. Drane is home from a trip to Portland and is boosting hard for another excursion to Smith's Ferry. If there are enough people interested another trip will be made about the 26th of this month. Tell Drane about it if you are interested.

## HOLD UP MEN MAKE GRAB AND GET AWAY

Detroit, Aug. 4.—Masked bandits this afternoon raided the Burroughs Adding Machine company pay car and forced the messenger to surrender the money he carried. Three gunmen participated in the rail. Officials said that \$45,000 was stolen. The police dispatched a score of detectives in the pursuit.

The bandits attacked the Burroughs bank messenger at the corner of Cass and Amsterdam avenues outside of the offices and seized the company's payroll funds. The robbers shot Guard Cooper but the extent of his injuries are unknown. It is the most sensational daylight hold up in Detroit's history.

The robbers rode in a Ford automobile and attacked the messenger as he alighted from the pay car. They fired a fusillade of shots from automatic shotguns and pedestrians fled in panic. The hold in five boxes the bandits quickly transferred to their own machine leaving the sixth money box. They fled down Cass avenue at a terrific speed. The police are halting and searching all Fords this afternoon.

## IN LOCAL RAILROAD CIRCLES

W. H. Young, the engineer in charge of the construction work on the Oregon & Eastern, came in Tuesday and went on to San Francisco for a vacation. He says the work is coming along fine and that the road will be completed inside of thirty days. In a short time they will be running trains into Crane three times a week.

There is a lot of work being done in the local railroad yards. About thirty men are here changing the lines and installing new tracks and switches.

The signals are all being changed to give the switching crews more room and the new lines will give room to store the extra trains laying here. A separate crew is working on the signals.

## MR. HUGHES HAS SOMETHING TO SAY WHEN HE TALKS

### Is Not Only Critical But Constructive In His Arguments--A Man For Red Blooded Men.

Chicago.—Charles E. Hughes told an audience that crowded Chicago's great Coliseum Tuesday night—the hall where he was nominated for the presidency—what he would do if elected president of the United States.

Hughes charged the present administration with waste, extravagance and vacillation. He declared that it had not kept the country out of war, but that it had fought an ignominious war in Mexico and had withdrawn from that war ignominiously. He charged the administration with having brought the country much nearer to participation in the European war than the country would have been had the administration "stood for American rights."

He declared that it was no more possible to expect tariff protection to American industries from a democrat than it would be to "get a revival sermon out of a disorderly house."

The nominee assailed the administration also for its appointments to office, and declared that if elected he would appoint to office only men who were well qualified.

Democratic expenditures for rivers and harbors were attacked by the nominee. "I propose that we shall stop this pork business," he said. "I propose that we shall have government in a businesslike way. We won't have any more if I can stop it on these 'kiss me and I'll kiss you' appropriations in congress."

The nominee said he stood for a "businesslike budget" based on facts. "I do not want any hot air in mine," he added.

The democratic party, Hughes said, was approaching the idea of a protective tariff "like a skittish horse to a brass band." In 1912, he added, "the democratic platform had said in effect that a protective tariff was unconstitutional."

"They say in effect now that the European war has changed the constitution of the United States," he continued. "Do you think they are converted? Don't you trust them a little minute with protecting Ameri-

can industry. They haven't got it in their bones."

Hughes reiterated much of his Detroit speech regarding the administration's Mexican policy.

"It had no right," he said, "to commit this country to a course of conduct which landed Mexico in anarchy, left our citizens a prey to the ravages of revolution and made our name a word of contempt in a sister republic."

"We have allowed our words to be eaten up by hesitation, by delay. We have somehow or another convinced the world that our talk is cheap."

"I propose that we have a new birth of American purpose and courage. We have no occasion to fear war in those assertions of rights, which all recognize and only respect us for maintaining. But if we are glib in speech, if we indicate that we are not ready to meet the full responsibility that our words imply, we are pushed a little further and a little further, until some fine day events occur which arouse an implacable resentment from one end of the country to the other. This is the danger of war."

"This administration has come nearer to landing us in war by its weakness than it would ever have come had it stood faithfully for American rights and had let it be known that they would be defended."

"I believe that with our peaceful purposes, our just purposes, we have no occasion to be drawn into strife, if we are prepared, if we are dignified, if we show that we mean what we say."

Hughes spoke for nearly an hour. He entered a hall that was so jammed that even the steel cross girders were used for seats. The audience cheered him for five minutes before he spoke. A brass band perched in a loft in the far end of the hall played three stanzas of the "Star Spangled Banner" during the demonstration, but the music was lost in the volume of other sound.

The nominee left at 10:45 Tuesday night for St. Paul.

## J. E. ROBERTS HAS HEART FAILURE

J. E. Roberts, the publisher of the Malheur Enterprise, dropped dead Sunday morning from heart trouble. He was out with a hunting party above Thorn flat, near Brogan, was climbing a hill, complained of not being able to get his breath and the next minute dropped and died without a struggle.

Mr. Roberts had resided about all his life in this section living for many years in Harney county, later in Vale, where he had a paper some twenty years ago, later about 1899 in Ontario where he published the Mattoek, which was founded by Judge G. L. King, and was turned over by Roberts to Judre Clement and D. C. Boyd. Still later he was publishing a labor paper in Boise during the Haywood trial for the murder of Governor Stunenberg.

In 1910 he came to Ontario and organized a company, took over the Optimist and rechristened it the Democrat running it for several months. For the past few years he has had the Vale Enterprise.

Mr. Roberts left a wife and several children, who are residents of Vale and two sisters.

## OREGON FARMERS HAVE MONEY

Salem, Ore.—Oregon farmers this year will reap a profit of \$21,380,500 from nine principal products according to estimates compiled by C. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner. The crop of wheat, corn, oats, barley, potatoes and apples will each exceed \$1,000,000 in value.

The biggest item in Oregon's enormous harvest is the wheat crop, which will show a yield of 11,781,000 bushels of winter and 4,000,000 bushels of spring wheat, or a total of 15,781,000 bushels.

The estimated value of the entire wheat crop of the state at the farm on August 1, was 83 cents a bushel, or a total of \$13,097,230.

## THE AGRICULTURAL SIDE OF THE FAIR WHERE YOU SHOULD GET IN AND BOOST

Everyone who has anything to do with our Malheur County Fair is working and working hard. Malheur county is indeed fortunate in that it has a number of men who are so public spirited that they are willing to give many days of their time and many hours of their nights to make each year the best county fair in the state. They do this gratis, and all they ask is that the rest of the people show the same spirit and help support the fair in the ways that they can.

This year Malheur county is short in some sections in the fruit line, but fruit is only one of the many products of Malheur county. Bring in your best alfalfa, your grains, your grasses, your corn, and your vegetables. Save it in big bunches for this is a big country, and we want the strangers to know that we grow stuff in generous quantities.

Go out into your grain fields and select the best, cutting it full length. Make this grain, as well as alfalfa, up into small bundles and hang heads down in a dark dry place to cure. Then strip the leaves from the grain sheaves, and build up bundles about six inches in diameter with ribbon and they are ready to show. Treat alfalfa the same way except that the leaves must be left on, even sprinkling the bundles slightly after they are cured before handling to prevent loss of leaves.

Put your vegetables up as though you were intending them for the fancy market. Do not try to make the big over-grown freaks into prize exhibit stuff, it is the best that the market is looking for that is the best show stuff.

Encourage the children to bring in their industrial club exhibits. Remember that you were a child once yourself, and probably needed encouragement, and so help them get their exhibit to the fair, and then bring them all in to see it.

The fair management is working hard to build an educational fair,

## PORTLAND LIVE STOCK MARKET REPORT

### Light Run and Good Prices for Most Stuff Being Offered.

There were some very good quality steers here Friday that sold at \$6.75 for several small bunches. Other steers were of feeder class and were taken by speculators at prices ranging from \$4.00 to \$5.50. There was nothing that changed hands Saturday.

With another heavy offering of steers today buyers were inclined to take off some more. Trading was slow in getting under way, but after it got started it was mostly on a 15 to 25-cent lower basis. The best bunch went at \$7.10 with other loads of prime steers getting in at \$7.00. Bulk of today's steers as a rule were pretty good and sold from \$6.00 to \$6.75. Ordinary stuff went at \$5.00 to \$5.75.

There was only a light run of cows here today. Prices were about steady. In some cases a little lower. A few head sold as high as \$5.50, while the bulk of sales were made at from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

A fair offering of swine was here for Friday's market, about 500 head. There was good demand. It was a strong, active market. A few bunches sold at \$9.40 and \$9.50. The balance of stuff was from valley points and realized \$9.30 for the bulk. Only one load made up the Saturday receipts in the hoghouse and sold at steady prices.

Today's market was one of the strongest sessions for some time. Prices were advanced 35 to 40 cents on the bulk of stuff. Tops sold at \$9.75 and the bulk went at \$9.70 to \$9.75. There was a keen demand from many buyers with the lightest Monday's receipts for more than a year here. Pigs sold as high as \$9.10. Portland's market is now about the highest in the country.

## BOND ELECTION OF THE WARM SPRINGS IRRIGATION DISTRICT ON THE 15TH

Voters in the district under the Warm Springs project on Tuesday will determine the most important question presented to the people of this vicinity for years. At that time they will vote upon the question of bonding the district for \$750,000 for the construction of a reservoir and the extension and enlargement of the present distributing service.

If, as it is generally believed, an affirmative vote is given for the bonds 15,000 acres of hitherto un-irrigated lands will be added to the productive area of this section and 20,000 acres at present partially irrigated will be immeasurably improved and placed in a position to raise crops to their full capacity.

The one outstanding development in connection with this project recorded during the past week was the examination of the feasibility of the work and the desirability of the bonds as a financial proposition, by E. C. Hopson of Portland. Mr. Hopson, who for years was with the United States reclamation service as "engineer in charge," of the various irrigation projects in California, Oregon and Washington, is one of the most eminent irrigation engineers in the country.

Is the Best in the West. After a thro investigation of the Warm Springs project Mr. Hopson gave it his unqualified approval. "It is the best irrigation project in the West," he is quoted as saying.

"Recently I have investigated five irrigation projects for which bonds are to be voted and none of them compare with the Warm Springs. Both as an engineering and financial undertaking it is all right," he said.

At the present time Mr. Hopson is consulting engineer for several of the largest bond banking concerns on the coast and his visit here was for the purpose of gathering data for these companies who will be in

the market for the bonds after the election next Tuesday.

In view of the fact that for the first time in recent years the bond market has become active and moeny is seeking investment, the report of Mr. Hopson will be of material assistance in the sale of the bonds. In fact those interested feel that his report assures the sale.

A. W. Trow, of this city, with whom Mr. Hopson spent a portion of Tuesday going over various phases of the project declares that the consummation of the sale of the bonds and the completion of the reservoir and laterals, means more to Ontario, Vale and vicinity than any event in recent years.

According to the plans of the projectors one-half of the sum realized from the bond sale will be spent for the reservoir while the balance will be used to enlarge the present laterals, where needed, and to extend others to the lands now without water rights.

To complete the work will require some time. If an immediate sale of the bonds can be made, and the work started this fall, sufficient work can be done to put water on all the lands in 1918. The cost for this per acre will depend upon the ditches at present reaching the various portions of the district.

Get Out to Vote. Everyone interested should vote, for the completion of the work means the salvation of many of the ranchers, say those who are in a position to know what the work means, to the community.

The voters will cast their ballots in the five divisions as follows: No. 1, at the Grove school house; No. 2, at the Star school house; No. 3, at the "Old Mill;" No. 4, at the Mallett school house and No. 5 at the residence of C. E. S. Wood in section 13, T. 18 S, range 46 E.



CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.